

July 27

### SHACK PRICES DROP.

#### Board of Trade Fisheries Committee Held a Special Meeting.

At a special meeting of the fisheries committee of the Board of Trade yesterday, it was decided to make a slight cut in the present prices of fresh cusk, hake and haddock. Despite the fact that the receipts of shack have been exceptionally heavy this season, extra high prices have been maintained, so that the cut really leaves the kinds of fish affected at a fine figure. Fresh hake will now be 90 cents per hundred pounds, fresh cusk, \$1.50 and western haddock, \$1.10, with eastern haddock at \$1.

### Big Shack Trips.

Sch. Metamora, Capt. John Robbins, arrived this morning with a big fare of fresh fish, having 160,000 pounds, mostly hake. It being one of the largest shack trips of the season.

Sch. Quickstep also has a big shack trip 120,000 pounds of fresh fish, and sch. Indians from the same kind of fishing, has 125,000 pounds of fresh fish.

### Bait scarce at Newfoundland.

Letters received from Newfoundland at Lunenburg, N. S., states that bait is scarce at Newfoundland and that 50 Lunenburg vessels are at different ports on the island waiting for bait and none had secured any at the time of writing.

### Dogfish on the Banks.

The Lunenburg banker Hilda C., which arrived at her home port from the banks last Saturday, reports that the dogfish are causing the fishermen much trouble on the banks.

July 28

The annual value of the

**THE IRISH FISHING INDUSTRY.** fish caught by Irish fishermen is estimated to be between \$14,303,000 and \$19,000,000, of which about \$290,000 goes to private proprietors and the remainder to the fishermen under the common-law rights. The number of men engaged in Irish sea fisheries in 1903 was approximately 25,000, and the number of boats 6235. That was the best year the Irish sea fisheries have had since 1899.

There is a tendency to use larger boats for this industry, and the question of better harbor facilities and transportation is being agitated, as with a lack of cold-storage warehouses and the absence of refrigerator cars the industry is at present much hampered. During the year 1903 the department of agriculture afforded instruction in the various matters concerning fishing, and made loans amounting to \$13,138 to fishermen to enable them to purchase and repair boats and obtain gear. The department also distributed to fishing centres in Ireland twice a week by telegraph information as to the progress of mackerel fishing. Its steam cruiser, assisted by another steam vessel, was employed during the year in preventing steam trawlers from fishing within the prohibited areas.

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston, 130,000 pounds fresh fish.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Georges, 250 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Margie Smith, Georges, 10 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Evelyn L. Smith, via Boston.

Sch. Lewis H. Giles, Georges, 200 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Yakima, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; Eastern haddock, \$1.05; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 75c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.67 1-2.

Bank hrlibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Georges halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges salt mackerel, plain \$14.25 per bbl.; rimmed, \$14.50 per bbl.

#### Boston.

Sch. Flavilla, 22,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 400 pollock.

Sch. Canopus, 3500 haddock, 11,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Selma, 85,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 6000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Bertha M. Bailey, 2000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Motor, 109 swordfish.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 83 swordfish.

Sch. Nakomis, 60 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.50; large cod, \$2.75; market cod, \$1.75; pollock, 80 cents.

#### Mackerel Notes.

The traps at Lunenburg, N. S., had 600 large mackerel on Tuesday.

From Penobscot Bay come reports of many schools of tinker mackerel. Several schools have been seen from Fort Point and a number of fish have been taken by men fishing off schooners anchored off Fort Point Cove.

The fare of sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay, at Boston yesterday, netted the craft \$1085, which was certainly a fine return for a 35 hour trip, which, by the way, is the quickest mackerel trip of the season at Boston.

The fares of schs. Lucinda I. Lowell and Margie Smith sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. at \$14.25 per bbl.

#### Founded on Herring Bones.

Dutch monopoly of the North sea fishing grounds during the seventeenth century brought such wealth and prosperity to Amsterdam that the capital of Holland was popularly said to be founded on herring bones. No less than 50,000 Hollanders were directly engaged in fishing the coasts from near Yarmouth to as far north as the Shetlands, and 150,000 more were employed, indirectly, in the distribution and sale of the fish. Sir Walter Raleigh pointed out to James I. how the Dutch sold to the Yarmouth herring mongers fish caught in their own seas for English gold, with which they built annually a thousand ships and fishing boats.

July 28

145

### Has a Fine Fare.

Sch. Massachusetts, Capt. John J. Carroll, arrived this morning from a Georges halibut trip with a splendid fare, 110,000 pounds of fresh and 5000 pounds of salt fish and 6000 pounds of halibut. The vessel was gone but two weeks and Capt. Carroll is doing well at this kind of fishing.

July 29

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Eglantine, Georges, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish, 8000 lbs. salt fish, 6000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Priscilla, Georges, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Lillian, Tremont, Me., 800 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Canopus, via Boston.

Sch. Emma W. Brown, Georges, 60 bbls. salt mackerel.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; Eastern haddock, \$1.05; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 75c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.67 1-2.

Bank hrlibut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Georges halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges salt mackerel, plain \$14.25 per bbl.; rimmed, \$14.50 per bbl.

#### Boston.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 17,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. George Parker, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Saladin, 10,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, fresh mackerel.

Sch. Louisa R. Sylva, 23,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.25; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.75; mackerel, 14 cents.

### SQUID ON GRAND BANK.

#### Lunenburg, N. S., Reports Say They Are Plentiful.

#### Report at This Time Is a Most Encouraging One.

A Lunenburg, N. S., despatch says that reports from some of its bankers are to the effect that squid are plentiful on Grand Bank and that the reports from the bank are of a much more encouraging nature than for some time past. If the report of squid on the bank is true, and there is no reason to doubt it, nobody around here will care particularly about Premier Bond's famous Bait Act.



## MONSTER OF THE DEEP.

### Giant Bill Fish Captured by Sch. Ida M. Silva.

Took Almost Five Hours To Effect the Capture.

A monster bill fish, one of a species seldom taken by fishermen, was brought to Boston yesterday by sch. Ida M. Silva. It looks like a cross between a horse mackerel and a swordfish and the T wharf habitues called it a "skillagalee."

The capture was made last Monday while the Silva was after swordfish on the southeast Georges. The monster was enjoying a sun bath on the top of the water when the lookout at the foremasthead sighted it. The dorsal fin looked like that of a very large swordfish, and the spearsman was warned of the size.

The latter was all ready when the Silva was brought close and he jabbed the fish hard with the spear just back of the head and near the backbone. Scarcely had the lily iron struck than it awoke, and then began a fight such as even the old fishermen had never seen before.

The rope that attaches the lily iron to the cask that serves as an anchor fairly smoked as it flew along the side of the schooner, and the cask was whipped out of the hands of the man that held it before he had a chance to let go. A way the fish sped like an arrow, until hampered by the cask that was held back by the water, it turned to get rid of the incubus.

Back toward the vessel it flew with the speed of the wind, and then away again and back and around the vessel, but still the cask hung to it, sometimes under water, at times flying clear out of the sea. For nearly four hours the huge fish flew about before it gave signs of letting up. A dory was sent to bring it in, but almost two hours elapsed before it was got near enough to the side and a tackle attached.

There was still a great deal of life left, and it squirmed and fought hard to get away, and even when landed on the deck it was dangerous to get within reach of the tail.

All the strength of five of the crew and Capt. Joseph Silva was required to get the prize on board, and at times it looked as if the tackle would give way before that was done. The estimated weight of the fish before it was cleaned was 1400 pounds, and after it was sold this morning it weighed, cleaned, 950 pounds.

The fish is within a few inches of 14 feet long from the tip of the sword to the tip of the tail, and from the joint at the body to the tip 25 inches. The principal dorsal fin is unlike that of any known fish. It is 18 inches in length at the longest part, and is set in the body free from the flesh and held only by the skin.

The sword, that projects more than three feet from the snout, is not like that of a swordfish, being rounded instead of flat, and runs out on a line with the under part of the upper lip. The head is shaped more like that of a horse mackerel and has the gills of that variety, with the eye of a swordfish.

The Gloucester Fresh Fish company was the buyer and has the fish on exhibition at its store on Atlantic avenue. The price paid was \$30, which will be divided among the crew with the money received for the 83 swordfish that the Silva had on board.

The men who captured the big fish are Everett Dowdy and Daniel McDonald.

### Squid on the Cape Shore.

Thirty barrels of squid were taken Wednesday in the traps at Lunenburg, N. S.

## REMARKABLE RECORD.

### Sch. George Parker Lands Three Trips in Five Days.

Several Other Fresh Mackerel Trips at Boston.

Four seiners are at Boston this morning with good trips of fresh mackerel, as follows:

Sch. George Parker, Capt. Rufus McKay, 5000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ralph Webber, 17,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar Kown, 10,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, with a fine fare of fresh mackerel on board, went ashore in Boston harbor, during the fog last night, but will probably be floated this forenoon and proceed to T wharf.

Capt. Rufus McKay of sch. George Parker has established a record which will probably not be beaten for a long time, for in five days he has landed three fine trips of fresh mackerel at T wharf from Georges. Last Tuesday the craft arrived with a good fare and sailed again Tuesday night. On Thursday she showed up again with another trip and this morning again she is there with her third fare. The Parker is not a gasoliner or a new class sailing vessel, but she is doing some tall sailing and Capt. McKay and his crew are hustling.

The catch of salt mackerel to date is 23,659 barrels against 22,738 barrels at this time last year.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 46,811 barrels against 42,203 barrels at this time last year.

A few mackerel were taken in the traps at Lunenburg, N. S., Wednesday.

Mackerel are reported fair at Alberton, P. E. I.

A Lunenburg dispatch of Tuesday says that mackerel and squid continue to be caught there in increasing quantities and that the traps on that day made good catches of both. One schooner took a baiting of 21 barrels of squid from one of the traps.

Fresh mackerel at Boston are selling today at 14 cents each.

## MORE TINKER MACKEREL.

### Sch. Lillian Has Twenty-Five Barrels at Newport.

Second Trip of These Fish Landed This Season.

A special to the TIMES from its Newport correspondent states that the sch. Lillian, Capt. John Barrett, arrived there this morning with 25 bbls of fresh tinker mackerel. Only a few days ago the Lillian was in there with a trip of fresh and salt tinkers and this is the second fare of these fish landed this season.

### Bait Scarce at Newfoundland.

On July 19, 35 Nova Scotia bankers visited Cape Broyle, N. F., in quest of bait, but there was none to be got, and information brought from all likely centres, brought the same reply. One captain, who came to St. John's, heard there were caplin at Forbay and drove out there the next morning, but there was not a single fish to be had there. The bankers have from one to five hundred quintals each.

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Miranda, South Channel, 330 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Electric Flash, Georges, 110 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Norma, Georges, 170 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Vera, Georges, 195 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Manomet, Georges, 113 bbls. salt mackerel.

Sch. Madonna, Banks, 200,000 lbs. salt mackerel.

Sch. Judique, Banks, 240,000 lbs. salt mackerel.

Sch. James R. Clark, Rips, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Matthew Keany, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Corsair, Georges, seining.

### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, headline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.12 1-2; medium cod, \$1.62 1-2; all cod caught to the eastward of LaHave bank, \$1.87 1-2; medium \$1.50 cusk, \$1.62 1-2; Eastern haddock, \$1.05; Western haddock, \$1.15; hake, \$1.00; pollock, 75c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh mackerel, 13 1-2 cts. each.

Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$10.62 1-2 per bbl.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh Georges cusk, \$1.67 1-2.

Bank hrlbut, 5 cts. per lb. right through.

Georges halibut, 8 1-2 cts. per lb. for white

and 6 1-2 cts. per lb. for gray.

Georges salt mackerel, plain \$14 25 per bbl.;

rimmed, \$14.50 per bbl.

### Boston.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 2500 haddock, 21,000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. John M. Keen, 2000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Rapidan, 500 haddock, 9500 cod.

Sch. Mary D. Silveria, 85,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Amelia Enos, 16,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 15,000 haddock, 8,000 cod.

Sch. Dorothy, 2,500 haddock, 26,000 cod.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 2,500 haddock, 21,000 cod.

Sch. Flora S. Nickerson, 30,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 30,000 hake, 500 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 30,000 haddock, 50,000 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 40,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 40,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Stone, 200 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Georgiana, 60,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 500 cod, 2000 pollock, 2 swordfish.

Sch. Alcina, 1500 haddock, 9000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Florida, 99 swordfish.

Sch. Frank Munroe, 50 swordfish.

Sch. M. Madeleine, 90 swordfish.

Sch. Azorian, 47 swordfish.

Sch. Viking, 60 swordfish.

Sch. Mary Edith, 49 swordfish.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 300 bbls. fresh mackerel.

Sch. Ingomar, 25,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Constellation, 22,000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Tecumseh, 85 swordfish.

Sch. Minerva, 70 swordfish.

Sch. Lottie Hopkins, 47 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.55; large cod, \$2.25; market cod, \$1.74; pollock, 75 cts.; Swordfish, 4 1-2 cts.; mackerel, 14 cts.